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REMARKS

Claims 1-16 were pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3 and 12-16 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Du; has rejected Claims 4-5 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Du in view of Dong; and, has rejected Claims 9, 10 and 11 under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Du in view of Kraft. The Examiner has indicated that Claims 6-8 are objected to and would be allowable if rewritten.

Applicants submit herewith amendments to Claim 6, whereby Claim 6 is rewritten in independent format including all of the limitations of the now-canceled independent Claim 1, from which Claim 6 previously depended, as well as the limitations of the intervening Claim 4. Claims 1 and 4 are hereby canceled. In addition, Applicants are submitting the same amendments to the remaining independent claims, Claims 14-16.

Applicants have also amended the remaining dependent claims, as necessary, to depend from the allowable Claim 6.

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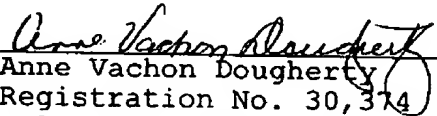
Applicants believe that the amendments place all of the remaining claims, Claims 2-3, 5-16, in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and issuance of the claims.

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